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Talked to David Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, and drew his attention to the Resolutions of Inquiry introduced by Representatives Paul McCloskey and Bella Abzug raising questions of concern to the Agency. I said we plan to take no action, since Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, had assured me Chairman Hebert would "take care of" the Abzug resolution, and since the McCloskey resolutions were addressed only to the Secretary of State. Abshire said that someone in his office was handling the matter and he would get in touch with us if necessary.

Mr. Abshire said that he had talked to Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, who advised strongly against the Secretary of State appealing to Senator Ellender regarding the Radios. Woodruff said he thought this would be counterproductive. He added that the President had twice considered calling Senator Ellender directly but had decided against doing so because he had no assurances that his call would be successful. In view of this, Abshire said it appeared the only solution was the "USIA solution" and he was still hopeful that the necessary legislation to cover this could be passed in time. He said Clark MacGregor and George Shultz were going to see Senator Ellender this afternoon to try to clear the way for this solution.

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6. [redacted] Spoke to Mr. Hanley, Department of State, concerning legislation to establish a U.S. Foreign Service Corp scholarship program (S. 390). Hanley said that as was the case last year Deputy Director General Howard Mace testified against the legislation before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, stating that the existing sources for Foreign Service personnel were more than sufficient and that the proposed legislative program was not needed. Hanley said that the bill may well be favorably reported by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, but felt that Representative Wayne Hays (D., Ohio) would support the Department's position if and when it reaches the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

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